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Forest Sets First Travel Plan Meeting in Mackay

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will hold the first of seven open house meetings concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Travel Planning and OHV Route Designation in Mackay October 16. The meeting will be at the Lost River Ranger District Office, 716 West Custer, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The meeting will be an open house with the District Ranger Diane Weaver and specialists available to discuss specific routes, the DEIS and travel management. People can drop by at any time during the workshops to provide information and discuss motorized use of the district and related issues. Enlarged maps showing the various alternatives will be used during the meetings.

The DEIS includes five alternatives: 0- No Action, 1- Current Designated System, 2- Revised Proposed Action, 3- Recommended Wilderness and Roadless Area Emphasis, and 4- Motorized Use Emphasis. Using the information in the draft, additional public comments and recommendations from the District Rangers, the Forest Supervisor will make a decision on the Travel Plan late next spring.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will hold additional open house meetings in the following communities: Challis, October 28; Leadore, October 29; Salmon, October 30; North Fork, November 3; Idaho Falls, November 5; and Pocatello, November 6.

The notice of intent for the Travel Planning and OHV Designation DEIS was published in the Federal Register September 26, 2008. The 60 day comment period ends November 25.

If you have questions about Travel Management Planning, please contact a District Ranger or Karen Gallogly, Travel Planning Team Leader at (208) 756-5103 Salmon-

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